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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 5916

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJECT: EXPECTED KUWAITI REQUEST FOR AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE
EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 197279

1. CHIEF OF KUWAIT AIR FORCE TECHNICAL AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED EMBASSY
THAT ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF HAS ASKED HIM TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF EQUIPMENT ARE AVAILABLE. FORMER
HAS REQUESTED USLOK ASSISTANCE IN DOING SO.

A. AN AIRBORNE PHOTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY
TRANSMIT AN IMAGE TO A GROUND SITE OR DISPLAY UNIT.

B. A SYSTEM WHICH WOULD TRANSMIT SUCH AN IMAGE FROM ONE
GROUND SITE TO ANOTHER.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT ITEM 1.B. IS COMMONLY AVAILABLE COM-
MERCIALY IN THE U.S. AND THAT ITEM 1. A. ALSO NOW AVAILABLE. IF
EITHER IS NOT AVAILABLE, EITHER ON FMS OR COMMERCIAL BASIS,
REQUEST STATE/DOD INFORM EMBASSY.

3. ASSUMING NO POLICY OBJECTION TO SALE OF SUCH ITEMS TO
GOK, REQUEST LIST OF FIRMS PRODUCING EACH TYPE SYSTEM, BUT
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ONLY THOSE SYSTEMS WHICH ARE MUTUALLY COMPATIBLE; IT IS PRESUMED
THEY WOULD BE EMPLOYED TOGETHER. REQUEST FIRMS NOT BE NOTIFIED
YET SINCE THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED IN CONFIDENCE.

4. FOR STATE. GOK MAY BE AWARE THAT ITEM 1. A. HAS BEEN
DEVELOPED AS A VIDEO SYSTEM FOR A REMOTELY PILOTED VEHICLE (RPV),

WHICH CONCEIVABLY COULD FULFILL GOK DESIRES. IN VIEW OF GENERAL
POLICY GUIDANCE REGARDING SALE OF AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND EARLY
WARNING EQUIPMENT TO KUWAIT (REFTEL) WE PRESUME THAT SALE OF
RPV'S WOULD NOT BE APPROVED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THIS
PRESUMPTION EITHER CONFIRMED OR DENIED FOR PURPOSES OF
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK.
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